

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page, 1, Please add the following as the first paragraph after the title of the application:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No.

08/869,331, filed June 5, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,906,978, which claims priority to

Provisional application 60/023,926, filed August 14, 1996.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 30, 38, 42, 43 and 45.

Please amend claims 24, 31, 32, 39, 40 and 44 as follows:

24. (Twice Amended) An aqueous composition, comprising:

water;

a plurality of electrolytes dissolved in the water, the electrolytes having a concentration in the water of from about 223 mEq/L to about [12,940] 323 mEq/L,

and the electrolytes proportioned for dialysis of a patient; and

an iron complex dissolved in the water, the complex comprising one or more divalent or trivalent iron ions and one or more anions and having a molecular weight of less than about 50,000, the iron complex having a concentration in the water to provide an iron concentration of from about 1 to about 250 µg/dl.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER SECOND ACTION

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